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Dear Mr. Conway:

This is in reply to your letter of 11 April 1998 and confirms 25X1A a conversation between a conversation between 18 April 1998.

The Air Intelligence Report you asked us to evaluate (IB-11/9-58, 21 February 19:8) is a tabulation of selected items from 19:6-57 open Soviet literature prepared at the Library of Congress. The report is based essentially on an article which appeared in the November issue of the Soviet journal "Atomic Energy." Even though published in November 19:7, it was obviously written much earlier and represented basically the Soviet plan for machear pover production in the Sixth Five-Year Fian which was announced in February 19:56.

This plan had been modified considerably by June 1977, when the World Power Conference was held in Belgrade. The station employing a gas-cooled, hency-water moderated reactor was not mentioned. At Belgrade, it appeared that the Soviets intended to build two large stations using PMR's end one station with graphite-moderated reactors, plus the four experimental reactors mentioned in the original plan. Additional evidence that considerable changes had occurred in the original nuclear program by June 1997 is furnished by the following example. The Air Intelligence Report states that "Soviet publications show a growing interest in designs of atomic heat and power plants." At Beigrade, "newly-built atomic power stations in the USSR are not being considered for heat output for thermification surposes; they will be built at a considerable distance from large cities and large

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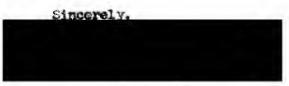
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populated centers." In summary, the Air Intelligence Report is lacking in that it fails to emphasize the current intelligence on mentioned, we will 25X1A the Soviet nuclear power program. As have a detailed, inter-agency report on this program under preparation by the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee, which should be completed and forwarded to you in about four weeks.

> In providing the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy with intelligence support, we have concentrated on keeping you current with our evaluation of the Soviet Atomic Energy Program on a national intelligence basis; i.e., in terms of agreed, inter-agency findings. In view of your expressed interest in receiving on a continuous and current basis a list of reports" this "Agency may have pertaining to atomic energy matters," there is attached a list of such reports published since January 1957 or currently being printed. We will provide you with an updating of this list periodically.



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